SERNA ORAL HISTORY
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Side A

0:02	Introduction
0:32	Personal information, origins in Mexico, birthday, birthplace: Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico; reasons for coming to Sacramento
1:53	Sister: Dolores Macias Torrrs, lived in Broderick
2:22	Sister's husband a cement worker, ditch digger
2:47	Description of Broderick, 1925, fields surrounding West Sacramento
3:42	First arrived in Broderick, 1921, orphaned
4:15	Schools in Broderick:did not accept Serna; general policy of not admitting Mexicans in schools
5:51	Household help, picked fruit nearby
6:35	Mexicans worked on farms
7:06	Serna attended school anyway
7:30	Nieces and nefews grew up and moved away
8:08	Marriage at age 13; husband worked at cement company with brother-in-law, later worked in railroad yard
9:38	Moved to Sacramento, 12th and D Streets, in heart of Mexican barrio
10:27	Children by first husband, childbirth in house, mother-in-law and sister-in-law gave advice about pregnancy
12:40	Husband worked in fields, then with Southern Pacific as a laborer near the ovens
14:14	Never lived in Southern Pacific housing
14:25	Husband drank a lot, lost job; moved to Sonora, Mexico
14:56	Husband died in Mexico
15:33	Raised children alone
16:13	Took job in Cannery, helped by friends, hired easily in 1922(?), because of labor shortage, other people did not want cannery work
17:28	Cutter in cannery, description of work withpears and tomatoes peaches
18:09	Women in cannery, gueros (Anglos) unloaded trucks, in office Pay difference with no union

20:06 Stayed with one cannery, working spinich, peaches, chabacans, pears and tomatoes

20:44 Children worked also, teacher let Serna's children out early to work

21:18 Remarried and stopped working at cannery; first husband was Aurelio Gaytan, second husband is Bruno Serna

22:48 Met present husband in cannery, fears of new husband mis-treating her children never realized

24:05 Rented house from landlords at J Street between 9th and 10th Streets. Many Mexicans rented from those landlords

26:08 One sister here, another in Utah

16:34 No problems marrying twice, mailed letter to first husband asking for divorce

27:15 Small houses in Sacramento's Mexican barrios; Description of 12th Avenue in 1930's, everything plane and bare, no stores

29:05 Japanese stores, Chinese stores, owners spoke Spanish

29:55 Hoppital on Stockton Blvd. ver small, used to be hospital and store

Side B

0:15 Depression years: husband with part time work, Serna woked in the cannery

1:05 After second marriage not necessary to work

1:47 Description of Sacramento, inexpensive goods

2:15 Mexican theaters, between 7th and 8th on K Street: El Capitol 50¢ per show grand opening--free mariachis

4:20 Description of Mexican dances, clubs for Mexicans, across from courthouse on J Street

6:30 Mexican restaurants: Ortega's, El Capitolio

7:00 Centro Mexicano, theater called the Centro Mexicano, shortlived, on K Street between 7th and 8th Streets

8:20 The store called Centro Mexicano, now called the Jalisco

9:00 Immigration from Mexico increased after the Great Depression

9:43 Reasons for Mexicans to come to Sacramento: work

10:00 After first marriage could not work, husband did not allow it

10:30 No recollection of Mexican Patriotic groups

11:06 Education for children, Washinton Elementary and Sara Sch. Mexicans not allowed or encouraged to go to college then, but, English taught

11:35 Fight for children to be put into good classes

13:04 Warnings about non-Mexicans

14:06 Schooling for daughters

15:12 Sued school district, hired lawyers from San Jose

18:58 Pachucos from Texas, sons dressed in the style too, never did evil

21:26 After World War II thinking changed, people changed

22:04 Widowed for about 20 years--from first husband,

22:58 Currently husband refuses to go to La Casita; but Serna goes daily, has friends there

24:04 Mexican community today: has raised up, behavior has changed will fight for dignity

25:20 Serna's children still in Sacramento, active in Sacramento

26:02 Husband still works at pool

27:54 Concerns about Concilio moving location

28:59 Chicano movement, activities, chance for advancement

29:54 Cesar Chavez, Serna sympathetic but never active